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RE: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/820,896 to Richard NEWCOMB
 Entitled: Power Coupling for High Power Sputtering

COMMENTS: TOPIC OF DISCUSSIONS FOR INTERVIEW

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. (Section Symbol) 112

- Molecular Bonded Liquid Metal Contacts are Possible
 - www.mercotac.com
 - www.novaelectrical.com

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- Claim 1
 - Office Action fails to cite motivation within the prior art for rearrangement. See MPEP 2144.04, Section VI ("the prior art must provide motivation").
- Claim 2
 - Wurczinger teaches all bearings, seals and power couplers outside of vacuum chamber.
 - Barrett teaches all bearings, seals, and power couplers inside of vacuum chamber.
 - Claim 2 requires at least one bearing and at least one seal outside of vacuum chamber with power coupler inside vacuum chamber.
 - Neither Barrett nor Wurczinger teach having some features outside when power coupler is placed inside.

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